



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

5th May 2017

School Funding Cuts – Response from Justine Greening

I have received a response from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, following all the letters we sent in at the end of the Spring Term. I will send this out with my response to his reply.

KS1 Space Workshop

This week my brother, who is a rocket scientist, visited Key Stage 1 to enrich their learning on their topic of Space. They are particularly focusing on the Moon, and Neil Armstrong, the first person on the Moon. The children learnt about how the Moon was formed, the different phases of the Moon and the rockets that visited the Moon. They saw rocket launches, and photographs of astronauts on the Moon, which are all of Buzz Aldrin, the second man on the Moon. My brother has met Buzz Aldrin many times in his role as President of the British Interplanetary Space Society, and he has found out that, as Neil Armstrong was the first man on the Moon, he took the camera, and therefore all the photos were of the second man on the Moon. Many of the children know who the third man in the team was – ask your child if they remember his name. Many of Ash Class can! Look on the website for the work that came out of the visit and the interviews from Ash Class.

KS2 SATs Tests

Key Stage 2 SATs tests are next week. I have sent a letter out informing Year 6 parents about what they can do to support their child. Please make sure your child is in early every day (8.30) for breakfast. We will then prepare them before the tests begin. They need early nights, a good routine and a stress free environment for the week. They should also prepare the night before, but not for too long, as they will need to unwind to ensure a good night's sleep. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

St. Paul's Ten Commandments Competition

The St. Paul's Ten Commandments competition closed today. The School Council will choose the winning entries. Miss Crannitch anticipates several winners, due to the high standard of entries so far. Well done everybody!

School Uniform

Please ensure your child adheres to the school uniform policy throughout the year. Many children are starting to deviate from it, particularly by wearing trainers. Please ensure your child wears school shoes and the correct school jumper every day.

Spinners – banned!

Some children have been bringing in spinners to school - the latest craze! Unfortunately teachers have found children playing with them during lesson time, and they have had to be confiscated. If children require a fiddle toy in class, we either provide it or discuss it with parents, otherwise they should not have anything with them from home. Thank you for your co-operation.

